



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION DAY

- WHEREAS: Pressure injuries, also known as bedsores, are areas of damaged skin caused by prolonged stagnation. These injuries are most common in older Americans, individuals in nursing homes and assisted care facilities, and those who are hospitalized due to a lack of mobility and prolonged pressure upon the skin; and
- WHEREAS: Pressure injuries can be fatal, and are responsible for the deaths of more than 60,000 people across the nation each year. In total, an estimated 2.5 million Americans are affected by pressure injuries each year; and
- WHEREAS: Pressure injuries also cost the American health care system more than \$11 billion annually; and
- WHEREAS: The symptoms of bedsores vary depending on the extent of tissue damage and the severity of the injury. Symptoms are classified in four stages and by the third stage, bedsores may extend into the tissue and result in life-threatening ulcers; and
- WHEREAS: Pressure injuries are preventable. Greater public awareness regarding prevention will help to reduce the incidence of pressure injuries and the pain associated with bedsores and ulcers; and
- WHEREAS: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services report that no other preventable injuries occur as frequently as pressure injuries. Organizations including the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel are dedicated to the prevention and management of pressure injuries; and
- WHEREAS: On Pressure Injury Prevention Day, health care providers, patients, advocacy groups, and educational institutions are encouraged to help increase awareness about pressure injuries and offer information, support, and comfort for those affected by pressure injuries and their loved ones; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2018, as PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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